

## IS GOVERNMENT TO ABSORB PLANTERS' BUREAU OF LABOR?

Question Is Raised By Message Sent Out By Federal Committee On Public Information

FARRINGTON MAY BE PLACED IN CHARGE

Is Local Representative of National Department But Has Received No Information Yet

Is the labor bureau of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association to be taken over by the United States government or at least placed under its supervision?

The question is raised by a despatch sent out yesterday by the committee on public information of the United States government, and on the face of it the answer to the question is in the affirmative. In which case Wallace R. Farrington may assume supervision of the office and duties of Royal D. Mead, head of the planters' labor bureau.

The press despatch sent out from Washington by the committee on public information, which is in reality the press agency of the United States government and the information disseminated by which is official, says:

"Government distribution of organized labor is being organized with the formation of state advisory boards. Each community will contribute a certain quota of unskilled workmen and the government regulation of distribution will prevent injustice being done one community to help the industries of another."

"Recruiting staffs maintained by private corporations are to be absorbed by the government employment service."

The only local man connected with the federal department of labor who might conceivably be called upon to take over the work in Hawaii of government distribution of organized labor is Wallace R. Farrington. Mr. Farrington holds a commission as territorial director under the employment service of the department of labor.

However, Mr. Farrington said last night that he really did not know what his duties were. He was notified some time ago that he had been commissioned but since that time had received no instructions of any kind. The only work he has done in his official capacity, he said, has been the organization in Hawaii of the Boys' Working Reserve. He said that he had written to the Governor that he was ready to do anything that there was for him to do.

Mr. Farrington also wrote to Mr. Denison, one of the chiefs of the labor bureau, he said, asking for information as to his duties, but as yet has not had time to receive a reply. Asked if it would not naturally fall to him to take over control of the work of the planters' labor bureau in case the government extends to Hawaii the work outlined in the despatch of the committee on public information, Mr. Farrington laughed, but said, too, that he supposed if the labor bureau were absorbed, he supposed he might be called upon, in his official capacity, to take up the burden.

In view of the fact that the sugar planters are making efforts to obtain a supply of labor for the plantations, which are experiencing a great shortage of labor, the calling out of the national guard, it seems not impossible that the new work planned by the national labor bureau might very well be extended to Hawaii, not with a view of taking labor from these islands, but rather with a view of sending labor here, where it is so badly needed.

It has been announced from the national capital that a large number of Porto Ricans are to be taken from their island homes to the mainland to be distributed where there is a labor shortage. The Hawaiian sugar planters have for some time had their eye on Porto Rico as a potential labor source, and it may be that this new enterprise of the government will help solve their problem and give them the Porto Rican labor they want.

If Porto Rican labor be not available, and it is considered by the national government that the output of sugar in Hawaii must not be permitted to drop, the new labor distributing organization might be asked to see in and supply labor from other fields.

If, as is probable, a labor advisory board is to be created in Hawaii as in the states of the mainland, official advice to this effect will probably be received by Governor McCarthy within a short time.

There are only two industries in Hawaii which might possibly come into competition for labor—the sugar industry and the pineapple industry. That is, unless one accepts the charge of Link McCandless that the sugar people want to get the laborers used in the pine fields and are trying to kill the pine industry for that purpose. Link, as far as is known, is the only proponent of this contention.

The creation of a government labor board here would probably tend to adjust the distribution of labor between sugar plantations and pineapple fields and canneries.

BALES of Kona sisal brought to Honolulu on steamer Mauna Loa for transshipment to San Francisco. The sisal in the right hand corner of the picture was "planted" by The Advertiser artist after the bales had been photographed on the waterfront.



## KONA SISAL HERE ON WAY TO COAST

Regret of Secretary Lane Over Product Going To Waste Results In Initial Shipment

Ten tons of baled sisal, the first of an estimated crop of 300 tons from the land of the McWayne Estate above Kailua, Kona, reached Honolulu yesterday on the Mauna Loa for transshipment to San Francisco.

Marketing of this sisal comes as the result of regret expressed by Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, that it should be allowed to waste when there was such a demand for the product in the mainland market.

Expression of this regret by Secretary Lane was reported in The Advertiser and attention called to the high price which is now being paid for sisal, a price which was more than trebled since the pre-war period.

M. P. Scott of Kona secured control of the Kona sisal and bought a despatcher and other machinery necessary to get the crop ready for market. This is the first sisal taken from the Kona land, which was abandoned about three years ago, when sisal was bringing only from four to six cents a pound. The market price now on the Coast is eighteen cents a pound.

At this price it is expected that from \$60,000 to \$70,000 will be realized for the Kona sisal.

J. M. McChesney of Honolulu is marketing agent.

## PRATT WILL ENTER FEDERAL SERVICE

Retiring President of Health Board To Become United States Public Health Official

Announcement was made yesterday by Dr. F. E. Trotter, chief federal quarantine officer, that Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, retiring president of the territorial board of health, is to enter the public health service of the United States government at this port.

Appointment of Doctor Pratt to the United States health service makes impossible his retention as chief sanitary officer with the board of health, a position which it is known was tendered him by the new president of the board, S. S. Foxson.

The position of chief sanitarian is a new position with the board of health created by the special session of the legislature, particularly for Doctor Pratt, after it was determined by Governor McCarthy that he wanted a business man at the head of the territorial health service.

The Governor said yesterday that he knew of no applicant for the position, but that such applications would go to the board of health which will make the appointment, if one is made.

Doctor Pratt, in joining the United States health service, will fill the position which has been vacant since Dr. M. Fauntleroy was transferred to the Hongkong division a year ago.

## FRANCIS BROWN AND GEORGE WELLS WITH FRENCH ON MARNE

Francis Brown and George Wells, two of the Honolulu contingent of ambulance drivers, were working just behind the main French army in the Marne sector on June 21, when each one wrote to friends here telling of the hard work they had been doing. The letters reached here late last week.

They spoke of the tremendous shell fire which the Germans directed against the French lines, which added to the danger of their own personal work in driving their machines back and forth between "pick-up" stations and field hospitals.

## Politics Quiet On Hawaii and Maui Reports High Sheriff

Raymond's Candidacy, As a New Thing, Is Being Talked About; Jarrett Made Inspection of Prison Camps

"Politically things are very quiet on Hawaii," reports High Sheriff Jarrett, who returned yesterday after an inspection tour of the prison camps of Hawaii and Maui, "and the same is true of Maui."

"The only candidate I heard mentioned on my trip was Doctor Raymond, that he is going to start his campaign shortly. In Hilo, I was told that Doctor Raymond intended to fire the first gun of the campaign in that city next week and considerable interest is being taken there in his candidacy. It looks to me as if Raymond will give anyone a hard run for the Democratic nomination for Delegate."

"The high sheriff denied the report that he combined business with pleasure on his trip and incidentally kept his ear close to the ground, listening for indicating sounds."

There are seventy laborers working on the Kapaemahu road and six miles of construction work has been completed. John Lee is in charge of the work. On Maui, a gang of sixty prisoners, engaged in building a road at Kula.

## TEACHERS' EXAMS TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Department of Education Issues Notice and Schedule

The following notice has been issued by the territorial department of education:

"Examinations for teachers' certificates will be held at the Territorial Normal School on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5, 6, and 7."

"All persons who wish to take examinations for certificates will apply to the director of the Summer School at the Normal Building, or at the office of the department of public instruction."

"The subjects in which candidates are examined, and dates set for examinations, are given in the following schedule."

The schedule is as follows:

Primary Grade Examinations  
August 5—8:30-10:30, First Methods, Second Methods; 10:30-11:30, Agriculture; 11:30-12:00, Spelling; 12:00-1:30, Geography; 2:30-4:30, Physical Training.

August 6—8:00-10:30, Grammar; 10:30-12:00, Hygiene, Sanitation and Physiology; 1:30-3:00, History; 3:00-4:30, Composition.

August 7—8:00-10:30, Arithmetic; 10:30-12:00, Drawing; 1:30-3:30, Literature; 3:30-4:30, Vocational Education.

Grammar Grade Examinations  
August 5—8:00-11:00, Geography; 11:00-12:00, Drawing; 1:30-4:00, Plane Geometry.

August 6—8:00-10:30, Algebra; 10:30-12:00, Elementary Science; 1:30-4:00, Professional.

August 7—8:00-10:30, English; 10:30-12:00, History.

## SUGAR ON HAWAII

The following sugar is awaiting shipment on the Island of Hawaii: Olan Sugar Company, 11,281; Hilo Sugar Company, 15,000; Denonoko, 28,771; Pepee, 36,825; Honokaa, 26,000; Hakahua, 51,824; Lanipahoehoe, 18,820; Kailua, 14,789; Hawakua Mill, 23,735; Pepee, 8,130; Honokaa, 9500; Punaluu, 21,018.

The pamphlets containing the industrial address of Governor C. J. McCarthy and the speech of Secretary Franklin K. Lane are at the Governor's office ready for distribution to those who want them.

## NURSES CHOSEN TO SERVE IN FRANCE

Misses M. Pepper, J. Dewar and A. Maynard To Go Overseas For Red Cross

Miss Margaret Pepper, Miss Janet Dewar and Miss Agnes Maynard have been chosen by the Hawaiian Chapter of the Red Cross to serve as nurses overseas, the decision being reached yesterday.

Out of ten qualified nurses whose names were selected by the Nurses' Association, from which three only could be selected, the surgeons and physicians of the city, who voted on the ten names, settled upon Misses Pepper, Dewar and Maynard.

Arrangements will be made at once to prepare the women for their long trip from Honolulu to hospital bases in France. The national Red Cross society, at Washington, recently enabled for three nurses. As Secretary A. L. Castle of the Hawaiian Chapter is now in Washington, the final arrangements for the transportation of the trio will easily be settling. The names have been forwarded to Washington.

Miss Maynard has been probation officer of the juvenile court for some time, and previously was a trained nurse, coming here originally to join the nurses' staff at the Queen's Hospital.

Miss Dewar is the head nurse of the Children's Hospital, Kaniuni Street, having been appointed as its head when the institution opened its doors a few years ago. Miss Pepper is well known in nursing circles in Honolulu.

## JEALOUS LOVER KILLS HIMSELF IN CEMETERY

Because pretty 16-year-old Maria Moreira refused to marry him Antonio Lawrence, a Hilo blacksmith, hid himself in a graveyard which Miss Moreira had to pass on her way to work, fired at her twice, and then shot himself, reports the Hilo Post-Herald of Monday. The girl was not hurt, but the man died about two hours later, as he was being conveyed from the Japanese hospital to the Hilo hospital.

Antonio Lawrence was arrested yesterday on charges brought by the girl that he had threatened her life. He was taken to headquarters, where he asked for his brother-in-law, Joseph Bettencourt, one of the officers. While Fred Lowe, who had made the arrest, was telephoning for Officer Bettencourt, Mr. Lawrence made his escape, and was not seen again by any of the officers until Monday morning in the graveyard.

Miss Moreira was riding in an automobile, accompanied by Officer Fred Lowe who was acting as her bodyguard when the shooting took place. When the would-be slayer saw that two of his bullets had missed their mark he turned the gun on himself, firing through the left side of his head. When found a little while later by Officer Bettencourt he was lying beside a grave, about fifty feet from the road, the revolver still in his left hand, alive, but unconscious.

## MORTON TO COMMAND THE ORDNANCE DEPOT

The Hawaiian Ordnance Depot at Pali will be commanded by Col. Kenneth Morton, according to telegraphic advices received yesterday morning at department headquarters from Washington. The new command will relieve Col. Charles G. Mettler, recently ordered detached. The latter has received no orders as to where he will go for now.

Orders were also received from Washington directing the following enlisted men to report for duty at Vancouver Barracks with the Air Spruce Production Corps, with the rank of second lieutenant:

Sergeant Major C. B. Rowe, Fourth Cavalry; Master Engineer Frederick Hummel, Third Engineers; and Sergeant Edward Magnus, Infantry.

Dr. B. M. Mikels was also designated a first lieutenant of the medical reserve. Lieutenant Mikels has been a member of the staff of the Territorial Insane Asylum.

## Kahanamoku and Swimming Companions In Pilikia With Mainland A. A. U. Officials

Alleged That Expense Accounts Have Been Paid and Champions May Be Barred From All Future Contest In Central States

CHICAGO, July 31.—(Associated Press)—L. J. Kahanamoku, the world water sprint champion, Hawaiian ("Stubby") Kruger, world's best stroke champion, and Clarence Lane, who is now rated second to Kahanamoku in the sprint, may be barred from competing in amateur swimming meets if the Central States it was announced here last night.

The Central A. A. U. officials are investigating a charge that the three Hawaiian swimmers padded their expense account during the recent Midwestern tour in which they swam, the proceeds of the meet to go to the American Red Cross after their traveling expenses had been deducted. Should the investigation prove the charge true, amateur events will be closed to the trio hereafter.

This message was shown to William T. Rawlins, president of the Hawaiian Association of the A. A. U., last night. "Just what I expected," Mr. Rawlins said. "The pity of it is that if such a thing as padding the expense accounts has been done the three Hawaiian swimmers will have to stand the consequences and if the charge is sustained it may mean that they will be judged after this as professionals."

"Of course, we all know that the swimmers are not managing the tour, before the Hawaiian swimming party left Honolulu, Frederick W. Ruben of New York, secretary-treasurer of the National A. A. U., notified all associations of the organization that only the expenses of the three swimmers were to be deducted from the receipts of the meets in which they took part. They were informed that no expenses of the manager or trainer were to be considered. The swimmers were to be allowed actual traveling expenses, including hotel and meals, the latter two not to exceed five dollars per day."

"I am sorry that this thing should crop up, for the Hawaiian boys will surely be the sufferers."

"All this means that we will have to get busy and send a representative to the national meeting in September," announced President Rawlins last night. "We will have to make a fight for the reinstatement of the three Hawaiian boys should the present middle result be losing their amateur standing."

Regrets Also

"I am sorry to hear this," said John F. Smith, chief of the registration committee of the local A. A. U. society, to whom the despatch was also shown. "Only two reports have reached me from Owen Merriek, the manager of the tour, and they were both signed by him, although under the rules of the A. A. U., the Hawaiian swimmers are traveling expenses each under his own signature, to the secretary of the registration committee of their local organization and to forward copies of the same to the secretary-treasurer of the national body."

## FORESTERS ESTABLISH LOCAL DISTRICT COURT

Order To Meet Annually In Wailuku, Hilo and Honolulu

At a convention of delegates of the Hawaiian courts of the Ancient Order of Foresters held at this city since last Saturday a district court, to be known as the District Court of Hawaii, A. O. F., was finally organized last night in Santo Antonio Hall, where the convention has held its sessions.

The officers elected were Joaquim Garcia of Court Valley Islands, Wailuku, district chief ranger; Senator Manuel G. Pacheco of Court Camoes No. 8110, Honolulu, sub-chief ranger; Louis A. Perry of Court Camoes, district treasurer; Joseph Ordenstein of Court Lualaba No. 6600, Honolulu, district secretary; Manuel R. Pereira of Court Camoes, district beadle; Sheriff Charles H. Rose of Court Lualaba, district herald.

The above officers constitute the district executive board, which will have supervision over all the Forester courts in the Territory. Vincent Fernandes, Jr., was chosen installing officer.

The first annual session of the Forester district court will be held in Wailuku, Maui, in March, 1919. It is the intention to hold these annual sessions in Wailuku, Hilo and Honolulu in turn. The home office will be established in Honolulu.

The organization of the district court is a distinct departure in Island Forester circles. The delegates from the Hawaiian courts who attended the last biennial convention of the subsidiary high court of the order held in San Francisco made a strenuous fight to bring about this change and were successful.

The several courts of Foresters in the Islands number about a thousand members.

## BOY SCOUTS RAISE AND SELL BANANAS FOR THE RED CROSS

Two great bunches of bananas, raised by Boy Scouts of Troop K, of Kaimuki, which were displayed in E. O. Hall & Sons window last week, were sold for the benefit of the Red Cross and raised \$16.40.

The money was immediately turned over to the Red Cross by Fred Kupihea and Fred W. Buckley Jr., who were given a joint receipt signed by Alfred L. Gastie, executive officer of the Hawaiian Chapter.

The bananas were raised in the Troop's War Garden which was opened last year. The "Moa" variety, which is dried, is a large banana, almost round, and nearly the size of a young coconut. It is a variety greatly enjoyed by Hawaiians in earlier days, and is aged principally as a cooking edible.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPEALS FROM RULING

Losses by pilfering, breakage and in other ways of cargoes consigned to Honolulu from mainland ports in American vessels must be assumed by the consignees, according to a ruling of the United States shipping board, and in order to obtain relief from this order, if possible, the chamber of commerce yesterday sent a message to Earl Cook, the shipping board's representative at San Francisco, asking him to inform the chamber if these rules are actually to be enforced.

It was further asked if he could not do something to amend the rule so that local consignees will have some redress. Considerable losses have already been sustained by local importers under this ruling.

## GENERAL BLOCKSON TO NAME OFFICERS

Students To Receive Commissions Direct From Department Commander

Students at the two officers' training schools at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks, composed entirely of enlisted men of the First and Second Hawaiian Regiments, will receive their appointments direct from Brigadier-General A. R. Blockson, U. S. A., commanding the Hawaiian department on authorization reaching the general yesterday from Washington.

When the two schools were opened it was announced that the men who qualified would be recommended for commissions by their respective regimental commanding officers, and these recommendations would then be considered by a special board appointed by the department commander, composed of department officers, and their recommendations would then be called to the war department. The appointments would, under these circumstances, be made by the President.

The new plan will make a considerable short-cut. The students who qualify will be recommended by the colonels of the First and Second Hawaiian Regiments. In turn the recommendations will be combed over by the department board and the results laid before General Blockson, who will authorize the appointments of the men, thereby commissioning them direct.

The officers as soon as qualified will be assigned to duty with the two local regiments, in order to give each company a larger number of officers than at present. Under the new war strength system, each regiment is to have about 3400 men. Regiments will number about 1000 men each, and each company will have about 250 men. Such companies are too large to be handled by a captain and a first and second lieutenant. Each company will have in future a captain, three first lieutenants and two second lieutenants, or six officers.

Day Appoint Others

The general's authorization will also permit him to appoint other men now in service who may be found qualified for appointments as officers. There are a large number of men who have seen service in the army but are now in the national guard at the two posts. Such men will be brought before army boards and examined and if qualified, are eligible to appointment.

Orders were also received at department headquarters notifying the commanding general that, following the conclusion of the present reserve officers' camp at Schofield Barracks, no others will be held in the Islands.

The present camp will close on September 1. Ordinarily it would be closed about the middle of August but a two weeks' course for "paper work" is required for the closing work which extends it to September.

The students who qualify will not be appointed by General Blockson, but will be recommended for appointment as officers and the recommendations forwarded to Washington by cable. Inasmuch as there is a numerically heavy demand for officers the young men may be held for some time before being commissioned. "They will be sent to the island training camps. Under this plan there will be camps for training men to be officers of infantry, field artillery and so on."

"It will be arranged so that every month there will be groups of students qualifying for commissions."

The infantry training camps will be held at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia; Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia; Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas; field artillery training camps will be held at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky; and machine gun training at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia.

The training course will be four months, but each month 600 new officers will be ready for assignment to duty. Civilian men who are entered in any of the camps and qualify will be commissioned for the period of the war. They will become second lieutenants if successful, and go into the ranks of the army as privates if they fail to qualify.

The department headquarters in Honolulu receives all applications for appointment to these training schools.

## "WORK OR FIGHT" CAMPAIGN TO BE STARTED NEXT WEEK

The "Work or Fight" campaign in Hawaii authorized by the Washington War Headquarters will be launched throughout the Islands in about a week. A number of men whom the local tariff boards believe to be involved in this campaign will be undertaken and those engaged in non-productive occupations given opportunity to transfer to some other field of activity in which they will aid in the production of materials required for the war and community welfare.

It is also expected that this campaign will place a number of draftees in Class 1. Later on in the coming month a re-examination will be held of men who are adjudged remedial defective and have been deferred class 1B, and these men will be put in Class 1.

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